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After Final Response
Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 3761

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In The Application Of: Rourke et al.
Serial No. : 09/529,575
Group Art Unit : 3761
Confirmation No. : 9622
Docket No. : 7042R
Filed : April 14, 2000
Examiner : J. Webb

For: PROTEASE INHIBITORS IN ABSORBENT ARTICLES

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

This response/amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 6, 2003, which set a three-month period of response. Applicants request continued examination of the present application. Attached hereto is a Petition for a 1-Month Extension of Time, and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a), providing for a timely response up to and including September 6, 2003. Since September 6th fell on a Saturday, it is believed that the submission should be deemed timely pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.7. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. 09/01/2003 11:05 AM ILES 00000002 162400 09529575
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